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HOLE IN THE POLICE FUNDS.

VARIOUS CREDITORS MAY HAVE TO LOOK TO M'ADOO.

Bingham Finds No Money to Meet Charges of 89.887.39 Against the Contingent Fund - Informed That Ex-Secretary Howell Owes \$1,466 to the Same Fund.

Police Commissioner Bingham sent yesterday to the Mayor a formal letter colling his attention to the fact that there was a deticiency in the fund for contingent expenses of the Police Department for 1965, the last year of the McAdoo administratian, of \$0.887.30, and that there is no money to pay it. He also said that the records show that William Howell, who was Commissioner McAdoo's secretary, owed the fund \$1,466.09 for money expended in Howell's name in 1904. Gen. Singham also declared that the expenses of the vice squad in 1905 were \$9,640.20 and that the expenses for meals for secretaries and clerks in the same year were \$005, both of which items were paid before Hr. McAdoo left office on January 1.

With his letter the Commissioner sent two quotations from the city charter hearing on the subject. The first, Section 297, eays that the Police Commissioner may draw on the Comptroller, in advance of vouchers, for not more than \$10,000 at one time of moneys appropriated to the dapartment for contingent expenses and shall give a boud in \$10,000 to see that the money advanced is lawfully expended.

The second quotation from the charter was Section 1542, which declares that expenditures of city money "shall not in any one year exceed the amount appropriated and that if such a thing happens "no charge, claim or liability shall exist or arise against said city.

Here is the Police Commissioner's letter to the Mayor:

Sin: I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that there is a deficiency in funds for contingent expenses, Police Department, for 1905 amounting to \$9.887.39.

When I took charge of this office I asked for an examination of the accounts and funds of the Police Department by the Commissioners of Accounts. They made a report, dated March 3, 1906, from which the following raragraph is taken:

The unexpended balance of the 1905 contingent account on January 1, 1906, was \$1,629.41. Liabilities were contracted in 1905 amounting to \$11,036.24, of such a nature that they could be charged only to the contingent account, which remain unpaid. To enable the Commissioner to discharge these liabilities will require an addition to the 1905 contingency appropriation of \$9,406,83."

Since the foregoing report was written bills have been rendered chargeable against the contingent fund, Police Department, for the year 1905, bringing the amount of liabilities, as reported by the said Commissioners of Accounts, from \$9,408.83 up to \$10,971.95, to pay which there is a cash balance on hand of only \$184.56, showing a deficit, as stated above, of \$9,887.39. The appropriation for the year 1905 having

The expenses of the vice squad for 1905 were \$9,840.20. Mesis were furnished to secretaries and clerks amounting to \$695.

Both of these items, however, were paid before I took office.
I am also informed that there is still owing to the contingent fund, Police Department, for the year 1804, from William Howell, the

sum of \$1.466.09. Charter which bear on the above. Respe

THEODORE A. BINGHAM. Police Commissioner

The purpose of quoting the charter in reference to the non-liability of the city was evidently to show that those who have unpaid claims against the city for these contingent expenses will have to look either to ex-Commissioner McAdoo or his bondsmen for payment. The mention of the alleged indebtedness of ex-Secretary Howeli to the contingent fund was to show that the department had no vouchers to prove what the money was expended for. The mention of the large sum paid for meals for secretaries and clerks was to call attention to the lax methods of spending public money under the McAdoo régime.

When Police Commissioner Bingham began to got his bearings in his new job he oon rah against the contingent fund. about \$47.000 a year is expended, largely for secret purposes, from this fund. He had the Commissioners of Accounts make in investigation, which is not yet finished The expenses of certain kinds of detective work, of which the public bears little, come from this fund. All sorts of other things are charged up to it when there is no other convenient place to put them. The Police Commissioner gives an order on the fund and the voucher is filed to show how the

money has been expended. For many years there has been a lot of loose bookkeeping in reference to this fund. The vouchers have been vague. A detective could say that he had spent a certain amount of money and an order would be drawn to pay it. Commissioner Bingham soon found that one of the hardest problems he would have in the department would be to secure the honest expenditure of money from this fund. He set about making reforms. One of the first moves was to abolish the office of auditor of the department, held for many years by Jeremiah Bacon. Mr. Bacon remains on the civil service list but is out of a police job. Commissioner Bingham put Charles Gott in as bookkeeper and gave him one assistant. Mr. Bacon had five assistants. Then the Commissioner began to draw the line on what should be spent for contingent purposes and also to require prompt reports of moneys spent so that in the monthly accounts there should be no excess of expenditures. No more meals are charged up to the city by secre-

taries and clerks. Ex-Police Commissioner McAdoo was out of town yesterday, so that no comment could be secured from him as to the charges Commissioner Bingham made. Mr. Howell, however, was at home. He denied with some warmth that he owed the city \$1,466. He said that he was simply the agent for the expenditure of that money; that it was used for secret purposes under a special agreement between Mr. McAdoo and Comptroller Grout; that the checks were drawn in favor of Howeli so as to conceal the real person to whom the money was paid, and that in the private safe of the Comptroller's office would be found the documents that related to its expenditure. Mr. Howell

"I never spent one cent of that mone re-conally. It was drawn in my name to hide the identity of the other person. I simply handed it over to that person. Mr Grout and Mr. McAdoo had an understanding about it that none but themselves should know how it was expended. The

private safe of the Comptroller will show probably where it went. In spending the contingent fund money we simply did what had been the custom in the office. We followed the rule under former Commissioners;

that was all." Mr. Howell's connection with the Police Department aroused much comment When Commissioner McAdoo was off on his vacation it was common gossip that Howell was running the department over the head of Deputy McAvoy. It was known; for example, that certain transfers were to be made even before Commissioner McAdoo had knowledge of them. A storm broke over Howell when Sergt. Eggers of the vice squad testified that Howell had ordered him not to make a raid on May Livingston's place at 154 West Fifty-fourth street; because Howell had a friend; a furniture man, who wanted to get his goods from the place first. Howell denied this, and asked for public investigation. Commissioner McAdoo promised one and said that he had found Mr. Howell hitherto honest. Nothing came of the request for an investiga-

It was common gossip about Police Headwarters that Mr. Howell did not end his labors often before 6 P. M., and that, having remained overtime; he was enabled to go out to a neighboring hotel and charge up the cost of his dinner, and that of any

possible guest, to the city. The fact that the deficit in the contingent fund practically equals what was paid to the vice squad for expenses last year called attention to the ways of that squad. Its members had practically carte blanche, and many are the stories of expensive dinners and certain hilarlous occasions in which the members indulged on the pretext of hunting vice.

BANK CLOSED: TWO ARRESTS.

Its Promoters Accused of Using Its Money to Float Other Schemes.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 17 .- F. M. Everett, cashier of the First National Bank of Freeland, and William Becker, a young attorney of Bloomsburg, who with Everett and a man named McKillipp were the promoters of the bank, are in custody at Hazleton, charged with wrecking the bank, which this morning closed its doors.

Everett is charged with the embezzlement of a sum close to \$60,000, and Beckley with conspiracy. Everett refuses to talk and is very despondent. Beckley has merely said that the directors acted hastily in causing the arrests and that everything could have been straightened up at twentyfour hours notice.

The news that the bank was closed created a profound sensation when it became generally known this morning and scores of mine workers, most of them foreigners. who had savings deposited there quit work and rushed to the bank. An excited crowd hung around all day

The directors, who are all men of substance about Freeland, say this morning that while it will take a thorough investigation to ascertain how much the bank has lost, the depositors will not lose They estimated the loss from the examination which has been conducted so far at \$56,800.

In the pockets of Attorney Beckley were found fifteen notes for \$5,000 each, drawn by the Pennsylvania Paper Mills of Catawissa on the First National Bank of Catawissa. Three blank notes, signed by the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Paper Mills, were also found in his pockets. It is Hereto are appended certain sections of the in this institution that the directors of the Freeland bank believe that Everett and Beckley have sunk the money that is

> Everett, Beckley and McKillipp induced a number of prominent business men to organize the bank with a capital stock of \$50,000 in 1901. Not the least suspicion that anything was wrong was entertained until Wednesday, when a bank examiner, although finding the books apparently straight, discovered that the outstanding accounts with other banks were unusually large

> This led to inquiries which, it is said, indicated that the statements of other banks did not agree with the Freeland bank regarding these accounts, and it was then discovered that about \$60,000 was missing.

AGAINST PASTOR MANCHESTER. Verdiet That He Be Reprimanded the Bishop.

NEW BRUSSWICK, N. J., March 17 .- The jury in the trial of the Rev. L. O. Man-Methodist conference here, found him guilty of ministerial misconduct, last night, but stated that all the charges had not been sustained by the evidence. It was also recom-mended that the Bishop reprove him in executive session, which was done. The septuagenarian minister shook as if with palsy while Bishop Goodsell, as kindly as he could in the circumstances, ad ministered the reprimand. Mr. Manchester served the First Church at West Long Branch. When

acter" and he was continued in the con-ADMIRAL FOSTER'S ROMANCE.

transfered to Sharptown he borrowed

\$800 from a parishioner. This is still un-

paid. The conference "passed his char-

Weds English Girl Who Visited His Ship at Gravesend Ten Years Ago.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN London, March 17.-Rear Admiral Joseph Foster, U. S. A., was married to-day at St. George's, Hanover square, to Josephine

Hunt, a Gravesend schoolmistress. Ten years ago Admiral Foster was paymaster on board an American warship that was anchored off Gravesend. Miss Hunt was among the visitors to the ship. Some years later Foster became a widower and. finding Miss Hunt's card among his papers, opened a correspondence with her, which resulted in to-day's wedding.

MRS. FITZGERALD AGAIN SUES.

This Time Seeks Separation in Ireland -Husband Files Counter Petition.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN DUBLIN, March 17 .- Cross petitions for a judicial separation have been filed by Gerald Purcell Fitzgerald and his wife, Lida, formerly Miss Nicolls, daughter of John Nicolls of Uniontown, Pa.

Mrs. Fitzgerald recently brought suit for divorce in England, but the court held that her husband's domicile is in Ireland, where he owns a large amount of prop-

Latest Marine Intelligence Arrived: Ss Allianca, Colon, March 11.

Carolina Reserts. Palm Beach. Tampa. Seaboard Air Line shortest Line with most at tractive resorts en route. Office 1183 B'way.—Adv.

NOT DYNAMITE BUT JEWELRY.

SVENSEN FOUND THE BOX LYING ON THE SNOW.

Sergt. Healy Rigged a Device With Nails, Tack and String and Capt. Murphy Pulled-No Explosion-Box Contained \$5,000 Worth of Watches, Rings, &c.

Harry Svensen, a Swedish-American of Hoboken, who was visiting his sister. Mrs. A. Norwood of 539 Fiftieth street, Brooklyn. was standing at the northeast corner of Forty-eighth street and Third avenue, in that borough, at about 8:30 o'clock last night, looking at a throng of boys coasting on the incline there and waiting for a car. when he saw a cigar box in the middle of the street. It was revealed plainly by the bright are light on the corner. He picked it up and noticed that it had a sliding lid.

He wondered what was in it; but found that the sliding lid was hard to open. His imagination got to work soon and he stopped tugging at the lid. He remembered having seen accounts in the newspapers of infernal machines in cigar boxes with the same sort of lid, and he nervously set the box down and waited for a cop to come along. Policeman Edward J. Connolly was the cop; and he also recalled that cigar boxes with sliding lids frequently contain other things than cigars. He handled the box in gingerly fashion and then laid it on the snow. A boy with a sled was speeding down the hill. Connolly requisitioned the sled and placed the cigar box on it as if it were a new born babe.

The little boy who owned the sled pro tested feebly against the vetoing of his fun until he learned that he might go along and see what a cigar box infernal machine looked like. Police traditions rigorously require that all suspicious boxes shall be soaked in water before being opened. At least that was the case before Bingham came in. Capt. Patrick Murphy of the Fourth avenue station does not believe in traditions, even on St. Patrick's Day.

He decided to explode the infernal ma chine rather than find that it was merely black sand and gun cotton with the usual clock work accompaniment. He and Sergt. Healy had a consultation in which Svensen and the small boy took thinking parts The cigar box was borne into the back The sergeant and the captain each held a corner. Svensen, the boy and the cop drew up in the rear, each shielding his face with crooked arm. The sergeant with a lead pencil carefully outlined the length and width of the box on a board placed in the rear of the yard. Outside the pencilled rectangle he drove four nails. He fitted the box between the nails, then he put a big tack in the sliding top of the box and attached a stout string to the tack. The little boy was much disappointed when he was forced to retire behind the back door of the station with the captain, the sergeant, the cop and Svensen.

The door was put on a crack and the captain pulled the string and waited for the explosion. The little boy put his fingers in his ears. The lid gave way and presently the captain was drawing it into the back door as he might haul in a weakfish off the Romer.

It was considered a fine bit of strategy at this point to go out and take a look at the infernal machine. The captain laughed, the sergeant did likewise, the conservative cop smiled and the Swede looked as if he thought he might be held respo The small boy looked sheepish

The box was a tremendous surprise made the captain gasp. It was filled with watches, diamond rings and other jewelry. The captain took the box into the station, emptied it on the desk and made an inventory of its contents. Svensen seemed to think that he might be under suspicion, and offered to let the police search him Capt. Murphy said it was unnecessary, and also remarked that if there were no claimant for the jewelry Svensen would be entitled to it. Svensen gave his address in Hoboken as 218 Park avenue and went home. The cigar box was marked "Havana seconds. The captain said he thought the jewelry was worth about \$5,000.

A man who gave the name of Charles Hammerman, and who said that he had moved last night into 4715 Third avenue. Brooklyn, from his former home in Christopher street, this borough, laid claim to the jewelry late last night. He was unable to describe it accurately, and was told chester of Sharptown, a member of the that if he appeared before the property clerk in Brooklyn to-morrow, and proved ownership, the stuff would be turned over to him. He said that the box dropped out of one of the moving vans.

CHURCHILL. "BLENHEIM PUP." That's What Astor's Paper Calls Under Sceretary for the Colonies.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, March 17 .- As Under Secretary for the Colonies, Winston Churchill has been the Government's mouthpiece in the House of Commons in regard to its South African policy. He has found the task one much to his liking. What the Opposition think of him may be gathered from an amazing edi-

torial in the Pall Mall Gazette It is unnecessary to quote from the article. Its heading and concluding sentence will suffice. Its caption is "The Blenheim Pup," and it concludes as follows:

"Lord Elgin, the Colonial Secretary, had really better try to correct his Blenheim pup. The animal is not clean in the House." Such language in a political controversy is without precedent in a reputable English paper of modern times, and it is so foreign to the usual staid dignity of the Pall Mall Gazette that it is impossible not to conclude that it must have been written by the proprietor himself or at his direction. The proprietor of the Pall Mall Gazette is William

THOUGHT HE'D SWIM TO FORT LEE

Drifter From A. O. H. Ball Changed His Mind When He Struck Water. Jeremiah Mooney of Passaic came here

yesterday, paraded with the St. Patrick celebrators and then went to the ball of the A. O. H. at Sulzer's Harlem River Park. He started for home about 9:30 o'clock last night, boarding the Fort Lee ferryboat Edgewater at the foot of West 130th He fretted because the boat did not leave

at once, and finally walked out and announced that he was going to swim across. He changed his mind when he struck the chill water and shouted for help. The flood tide carried him several blocks up the river, where he was rescued by James Riley, a watchman on the 134th street pier. He was taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital in bad shape.

DOESN'T ACCUSE TULLY.

Tillinghast Says This Court Clerk Never Put Him on a Jury At the investigation before Chief Clerk

Tom Smith of the City Court into the charges connecting Edward G. Tully, a City Court clerk, with the jury fixing scandal William H. Tillinghast failed to corroborate the charges.
Tillinghast, who was sent to Blackwell's

Island on his plea of guilty to the charge of personating a talesman, was brought down to testify The charges against Tully specify that he as clerk of the court called Tillinghast

as a juror six times when Tillinghast's name was not on the panel. Tillinghast testified yesterday that he had never had any dealings with Tully save once, when, he said, Stanley Bagg

of the Metropolitan's secret service bureau sent him to see the clerk. "I told him Mr. Pagg wanted me to get on the jury in a certain case," said Tilling-"He answered that the Metropolitan hast. people had not treated him or the other court attaches well enough to warrant his granting my request. I took that answer

back to Bagg and he said he didn't blame

Tillinghast then made some statements reflecting on Alexander Smith, a Supreme Court clerk. Smith, he said, urged him to stick to the Metropolitan if he wished to be taken care of. On one occasion, he said, Smith called with him at 621 Broadway, where the company had offices, and after a trip upstairs came down with \$25 for Tillinghast. For that money, Tillinghast said, he served the company's interests "as best he could."

Tully, who is a veteran, took the stand and denied flatly that he had ever had any dealings with Tillinghast. He admitted knowing him, but insisted that he had never had anything to do with Tillinghast's jury service.

The examination continues Monday.

HAVEN'T SENT FOR TEWKSBURY. Police Waiting to Sec if the District Attorney's Office Wants Him Brought Here.

Inspector McLaughlin was asked yesterday what action was being taken by the Detective Eureau in regard to the arrest of Lewis ti. Tewksbury in Philadelphia on Thursday night on an order from the New York police.

"There is a bench warrant on our books for the arrest of Tewksbury, and when I heard he was in Philadelphia we had the police arrest him. What is to be done with him is the business of the District Attorney. If the District Attorney's people want him they will notify us and we will then send after him. No one has gone to Philadelphia to bring him here vet.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17 .- Inclined at first to blame a woman for his arrest, Lewis G. Tewksbury is to-day of opinion that the police were set upon him by real estate men who wished to interrupt a transaction he had under way here. He took his detention at Moyamensing

quietly, believing that he is certain to be released Monday. His friends say the New York authorities will find that his arrest was ordered under an indictment hat should have been quashed. Tewksbury had entered into business in New York two months ago when he made

a flying trip to Philadelphia and had his attention attracted by the old Bellevue property. "Why in the world is that building not occupied? he asked members of the Bellevue-Stratford management. After learning that the building be idle for some time he cancelled his New

York plans and jumped into the promotion of a building upon the property that was to be a sort of combination of Delmonico's and the home of an Indian Prince. Despite his arrest Tewksbury is by no means hopeless of being able to carry his

project through. REAPPORTIONMENT CIPHERING. Republican County Committee to Make Recommendations

President Herbert Parsons of the Repub lican county committee announced yesterday the appointment of this committee to prepare a plan on reapportionment of the Senate and Assembly districts: William C. Wilson, leader of the Twenty-seventh district, chairman; W. H. Ten Eyck of the Thirty-fifth, John S. Shea of the Second Senator Alfred R. Page of the Thirty-first Abe Gruber of the Twenty-first, John P. Windolph of the Eleventh and Charles S Adler of the Eighth. The committee held a meeting yesterday and decided upon a plan of procedure. They will begin immediately to study the changes in the city's population, to prepare maps and boundary lines for the making of recommendations to the Legislature, which fixes the lines of the Senate districts, and to the Aldermen,

who will lay out the new Assembly districts. There will be radical alterations in the boundaries of the present Assembly districts in this county. Because of the trend of population uptown since the last reapportionment, it is expected that the territory south of Fourteenth street will lose at least five districts, which will be added to the divisions above Fourteenth street

CAN YOU SPEAK ESPERANTO? English Clerkship Candidates Must Learn Proposed Universal Language.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, March 17 .- Esperanto, the proposed universal language, has just achieved its most notable triumph in Great Britain It is now recognized as a language by the London Chamber of Commerce, whose commercial educational department has included it in the list of subjects for examination. The rules of examination will be the same as those in regard to French, German and Spanish, comprising translations, an essay, a dictation test and colloquial fit-

ness by conversation. The London Chamber of Commerce in stituted its education department sixteen years ago in order to fit English clerks for competition with foreigners, on the ground that English merchants prefer English olerks if they can get them properly educated. Since the first junior examination the number of candidates has risen from 65 to 2,723 last year, and since the first senior

DANISH HEIRESS, AHOY!

Gets Diploma as Pilot and Will Sail Her Own Yacht in the Kiel Regatta.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, March 17 .- Hanna Thiele, young Danish heiress, recently obtained a diploma as a pilot at Copenhagen. She will sail her own yacht in the Kiel Regatta. This will be the first time a woman skipper ever took part in these races.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA

BELLAMY STORER TO RETIRE FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

His Differences With the President Growing Out of the President's Refusal to Transfer Him to a More Prominent European Post-Nomination To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- The President killed. vill send to the Senate on Monday the nomination of an Ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer of

A friendship dating back to the early '90s, when Mr. Roosevelt was a Civil Service Commissioner and Mr. Storer a Member of Congress, existed between the President and his Ambassador at Vienna, and it was more on account of this friendship than for any other reason that Mr. Storer was appointed to the highest grade in the diplomatic service. Previous to that, by appointment of President McKinley, he had been Minister to Belgium and Minister to Spain.

The grounds of difference which have resulted in severance of Mr. Storer's official connection with the Government were due primarily to reasons of the President for not granting Mr. Storer's desire to be transferred to another European diplomatic post of equal rank but greater prominence.

Mr. Storer has been in Europe as a diplomatic representative of the United States for nearly nine years. President McKinley, an old friend with whom Mr. Storer had served in Congress, made him Minister to Belgium in May, 1897, and he had served at Brussels for nearly two years when appointed Minister to Spain.

When Mr. Storer was nominated for the Belgian mission it was reported that President McKinley had had great difficulty in persuading Senator Foraker of Ohio, be tween whom and Mr. Storer strained relations had existed for a long time, to consent to the appointment.

Mr. Storer remained at Madrid from April, 1899, to September, 1902, when, by the act of President Roosevelt, he became the American Ambassador at Vienna, the position which he is now to relinquish.

Mr. Storer was born in Cincinnati in 1847 was graduated from Harvard in 1867, was admitted to the bar two years later and practised law in his native city. He served as the Representative in Congress of the First Ohio district from 1891 to 1895, and after being out of public life for two years entered the diplomatic service.

ANOTHER STEUNENBERG ARREST Fight of Moyer and His Associates to Set Aside the Indictment Falls.

CALTWELL, Idaho, March 17 .- A tele gram from Oakley, Idaho, says that J. L. Simpkins, a member of the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, has been arrested near that place. Ar officer has gone to Oakley to identify and bring in the prisoner. Simpkins is wanted for complicity in the assassination of ex-

Gov. Frank Steunenberg. In the District Court here this morning attorneys for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone made a determined fight to set aside the indictment returned by the Grand Jury. The Court overruled each motion. motion that the defendants be admitted

to hail will be decided next Tuesday MONTROSE, Col., March 17.-Sheriff Rutan arrived here to-day from Idaho with Vincent St. John, former president of the miners union, who is indicted for murder. Sheriff Rutan says he has no fear of mob violence believing that the people of Telluride will await the action of the courts in St. John's case, but St. John is almost palsied with fear, believing he will be lynched as soon as he reaches Telluride to-morrow.

PINNED BETWEEN TWO CARS. Conductor Caught While Adjusting th

Trolley Pole-Motorman Hurt. Something went wrong with the trolley pole on a Court street car as it was crossing the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday afternoon about one hundred feet from the Manhattan end, on the south roadway. The conductor Arthur Duffy, couldn't fix it, and summoned two electricians. The electricians climbed to the top of the car and instructed Duffy to hold the rope attached to the pole, and pull the pole down so that they could reach the top of it. Duffy stood back of the car

with the rope in his hand. A Bergen street trolley car in charge f Motorman David Siegel came along back of the stalled car, smashed into it, caugh Duffy and crushed his left leg.

Women in the two cars fainted at the sight, and the motorman of the Bergen street car was pitched over the front of the car and lay unconscious in the roadway, leaving Duffy pinned.

Policeman Tighe backed the Brooklyn car away. Duffy's leg had been broken and Siegel was in a serious condition from shock

The accident blocked the cars for over

FIRE IN MOVING CAR. Burning Match Sets Umbrella's Celluloid Handle Ablaze.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 17 .- Montclair commuters who were aboard the 8 o'clock train from Chambers street on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie Railroad last night are relating an

incident that occurred in the smoking car shortly after the train left Forest Hill. A Montclairite was dozing in one of the rear seats when suddenly he arose and leaped into the aisle with a cry. The other passengers saw a sheet of flame arise to the roof of the car, and in a moment nearly every passenger was making frantic efforts to extinguish the flames, which were confined to the commuter's umbrella and several copies of the evening papers.

The smell of burning celluloid permeated the car. Finally the umbrella was hurled through an open window, while the fire in the papers was stamped out. The com-muter said he had lighted a cigar shortly-after the train left Arlington and had thrown the match to the floor, where it must have ignited the celluloid handle of his umbrella. The commuter left the train at the Walnut street station

DEWEY'S "BRUT CUVEE" CHAMPAGNE, Equal to the best French Brands. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.

THIRTY OR FORTY KILLED?

Report That a Train on a Trestle Was Caught by a Snowsitde.

DENVER, Col., March 17 .- A telephone nessage from Silverton, in the San Juan mining region of southwestern Colorado, says a rumor has reached there that a passenger train on the Rio Grande Southern road has been thrown from the track by a snow slide and thirty or forty people

The disaster is said to have occurred or what is known as the Ophir Loop, where the train; while on a trestle, was struck by

the avalanche and tumbled into the gulch. The nearest point to which a telegraph wire has been working late is Telluride. This line broke down at 10 P. M., but just before that the operator said he had been receiving messages from surrounding points all the evening and had heard nothing of a wreck.

It will probably be impossible to verify or authoritatively deny the report to-night, owing to the breaking of wires throughout region by the heavy snowstorm which has been raging for a week and is not over.

NIECE OF CARNEGIE ROBBED. Mrs. James C. Greenway Loses Jewels on Trip to Augusta.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 17 .- Mrs. James C Greenway, a niece of Andrew Carnegie, came to Augusta from Jersey City direct in a private car and upon her arrival here went the Hampton Terrace Hotel. Two days after her arrival she had occasion to oper her jewel case, and discovered that nearly all of her valuable trinkets were missing.

The bag had not been out of her posse sion except for a few minutes while on the rear of the Pullman car bidding friends good-by and she at once suspected the porter. The city detectives got the trail of the negro and learned that he had pawned a loose diamond worth over \$200 for \$20 with another negro. His arrest followed. Many of the jewels have not yet been

recovered JOKE WAS ON THE STOWAWAY. Passage Back for Him Engaged in Midsea by Wireless.

The steamship Alliança of the Panama Railroad Company, when 150 miles out from New York yesterday, sent a story ashore by wireless which is calculated to

discourage ocean stowaways. The other day at Colon a Frenchman smuggled himself aboard the Alliança in the effort to get a free passage to New York. On March 14, when his presence was discovered, the Alliança sent news of her find by wireless to her sister ship, the Colon, then outward bound from New York for Panama. The steamers met and stopped between Castle Island and Fortune Island and the stowaway Frenchman was transferred to the Colon by a small boat and is now on his way back to the Isthmus.

FEVER SUSPECT IN NEW ORLEANS. Health Officers of Other States Called In

to Pass on a Doubtful Case. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 17 .- Health fficers of Alabama, Mississippi and Tenessee will meet in New Orleans to-morrow o investigate a case, suspected to be yellow fever, now under treatment in the charity

hospital of that city. Dr. Batchellor, superintendent of the hospital, says that the patient, Jules Ebernz, jaundice only, and with one exception his staff agrees with the superintendent.

Dr. Hamilton Jones, the dissenting member, declares that Ebernz undoubtedly has vellow fever. Rather than risk any chance of error the Louisiana and New Orleans authorities have asked Memphis experts and also health officers from as many Southern States as care to make an investigation to view the suspect and pro-

nounce judgment on the case. ROLLINS STAYS MARRIED.

Does Not Appear When His Annulmen The suit brought by Charles A. Rollins

for the annulment of his marriage to Blanche Nachman was dismissed yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Scott because Rollins's failure to prosecute. Rollins alleged in his complaint that he

was forced into the marriage on August 27, 1904, through threats made by Miss Nach man and her sister Nettye, who told him that they would inform their father and brother unless he entered into an immediate marriage. The male Nachmans, Robbins alleged, would shoot him on sight, according to the girls.

Mrs. Rollins denied the allegations abso-

fend the suit. COUNT BONI IS ILL. Attack of Grip Causes Delay in the

Castellane Divorce Case

lutely in her answer and was ready to de-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, March 17.- Owing to the illness of Count Boni de Castellane, the proceedings in the Countess's suit for divorce have been delayed. The parties were to have appeared before Judge Ditte in the Civil Tribunal to-day for the formal attempt at reconciliation required by the law. This appearance was postponed. Count Bon has an attack of the grip.

GOLDSTICKER'S WILL INVALID Surrogate Finds Him Insane-In Love With a Woman Who Never Knew It.

Surrogate Thomas decided vesterday tha the will made by David Goldsticker, a real estate operator, three months before his death in October last was not a valid instrument, as the evidence was clear that Goldsticker was insane. He left the greater part of his \$50,000 estate to his brother Samuel, with whom he lived. The other brothers contested the will.

brothers contested the will His principal delusion was that he was being persecuted because of his love for the daughter of Isidor Wormser, the banker. He had never seen the young woman, but he wrote letters to President Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland and others complaining of his supposed treatment.

St. Paul Spoken by Wireless. SIASCONSETT, Mass., March 18 .- The land wires have been down for two days. The Marconi wireless operator was in communication at 12:30 A. M. to-day with the steam-ship St. Paul, bound for New York. She was then twenty miles east of Nantucket Lightship. He had not heard from the

Umbria Clerk Thos. F. Donahue Killed Thomas F. Donahue, clerk of the Board of Examiners, was killed by falling down an elevator shaft in the Knickerbocker Hotel, Twenty-fifth street and Third avenue, at midnight last night. He took a door leading to the shaft to be one leading to the dining room. He was an old newspaper

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M'CALL ON DEATHBED DEFENDED LEGISLATIVE AGENT.

Dietated a Statement to the N. Y. Life Trustees Saying That He Agreed That the Judge Should Give No Vouchers-Gifts to Campaign Funds to Be Repaid:

In order that there might be no misunderstanding in regard to the relations of Andrew Hamilton with the New York Life Insurance Company, John A. McCall on his deathbed diotated a statement to the board of trustees of that institution. This statement was read at a meeting of the board shortly after Mr. McCall's death and is spread on the company's records.

Mr. McCall said in the statement that he appreciated that he was nearing death, and that he knew that some questions in regard to Hamilton's contract with the company were to come up in an important way. He desired that there should be absolutely no misunderstanding in this matter. Hamilton's contract with him provided specifically that no detailed vouchers for payments should be required, and it was, he said, on that basis and strictly within the terms of the contract that his work was carried on.

Mr. McCall had made a statement similar to this before the Armstrong committee, but his pains to make the thing explicit and beyond question indicate how firm his resolve was to stand by the legislative agent until the last. Judge Hamilton is goming to this city

early this week. He sad in Albany yesterday that he had "important business appointments." Hamilton's friends believe that he will fire his second gun against the New York Life trustees while he is in town. They believe that Hamilton may do this before the Fowler investigation committee. Nothing, they say, will daunt Hamilton, now that he has started his campaign to clear John A. McCall's memory and fix the responsibility for the legislative payments.

His friends say that if he goes before the Fowler investigating committee he will produce documents to prove the statements made by him in Albany. The Fowler investigating committee has not rescinded the invitation which it extended to Hamilton several days ago to appear before the committee. Now that Hamilton has publicly attacked the trustees the committee will, it is thought; practically be forced to give him a hearing if he decides to accept the invitation.

Among the trustees of the New York Life who sat before Hamilton in Albany last Thursday was Darwin P. Kingsley; John A. McCall's son-in-law. Two or three times Mr. Hamilton pointed toward the New York Life officers and trustees in a rather personal way. Mr. Kingsley's friends have resented any implied imputation that Mr. Kingsley had not been loyal to the New York Life's former president. They say that as a matter of fact he stood by Mr. McCall nobly. They declare that he turned over for Mr. McCall's use \$30,000, all the money that he had. This help came at a time; it is understood, when Mr. McCall was exerting every possible effort to raise the \$235,000 which he had promised to pay back into the company's treasury to make good the money advanced to Hamilton on the

home office annex account. It is practically certain now that the campaign contributions made by the New repaid by trustees of the company. It is understood that there were further conferences between the trustees interested in this matter yesterday. It is said that there are ten or twelve men who will contribute to the restitution fund. They are the men who advised John A. McCall in

The New York Life has renewed its efforts to get proxies for the company's management. Letters have been sent out to the policyholders soliciting proxies These letters contain the biographies of the six trustees whose terms expire in April and who are up for reelection-William B. Hornblower, Alexander E. Orr, Darwin P. Kingsley, John Claffin, Woodbury Langdon and George A. Morrison. The letters also contain biographical sketches of the three trustees to whom the proxies are to

This is an excerpt taken from a letter sent out by Thomas A. Buckner, one of the company's vice-presidents, to the general agents and managers

"Suggest you quietly ask agents to continue securing proxies during the balance of the month, not interfering, of course, with their solicitations of business. You may have cashier furnish lists of policyholders, when you think advisable, to agents for this purpose.

The New York Life management now has more than \$5,000 proxies, which wil probably be sufficient to carry any election. The international policyholders' committee-Samuel Untermyer counsel-has only about 40,000 in the two big mutual companies. The New York Life's annual meeting will be held in the early part of April. If the Armstrong committee's bill abrogating all proxies is passed before that time those now held by the New York Life's management will, of course, be

Charles E. Hughes, who has been away on a vacation since he finished his work on the Armstrong committee report, will return to town to-morrow. He will meet the sub-committee of the Armstrong committee in this city on Tuesday, and with its two members will go over the objections which have been raised to the proposed legislation.

It is the opinion now that no radical changes will be made in the bills. The bills limiting the expenses for first year's business will probably be liberalized, and there will be other minor changes. As to the fundamental recommendations, though there is little chance of any alteration. The companies themselves have about given up hope that the recommendation providing for the expiration of the terms of all mutual company trustees on November 15 next will be changed.

They are only hoping now that the committee will not set the election forward three months, as urged by Samuel Untermyer. Officers of several of the companies don't hesitate now to say that the appearance of Andrew Hamilton before the Legislature was the hardest blow struck against the companies' efforts to stem the tide of public opinion.

The Lake Shore Limited. a luxurious train between New York and Chicag by the New York Central Lines. Leaves New York 5.30 P. M., arrives Chicago at 4.00 next after noon. Leaves Chicago 5.30 P. M., arrives New York 5.30 next afternoon.—Ada.